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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE  
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S E C R E T STATE 127880

E.O. 11652: XGDS2

TAGS: MOPS, CG, AO

SUBJECT: WELFARE OF HOSTAGES REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY KATANGANS  
AND OF US CITIZENS SOUTH OF ZAIRIAN/ZAMBIAN BORDER

REF: A) STATE 127814 (NOTAL); B) LUSAKA 1806 (NOTAL)

1. PURSUANT TO PARA 3 REF A, WE CONTACTED PRESIDENT  
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KAUNDA, TRAVELING IN THE WEST, VIA AMBASSADOR LOW WHO  
APPRISED THE PRESIDENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SHABA  
AND OF CONTINUING USG CONCERNS FOR SAFETY OF HOSTAGES IN  
KATANGAN CUSTODY MOVING TOWARD ZAMBIA, AND FOR AMERICAN  
CITIZENS RESIDENT IN ZAMBIA POTENTIALLY IN KATANGAN PATH.  
WE ALSO CONVEYED GIST OF REF B TO AMBASSADOR LOW.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA REPLIED THAT HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BEING SO INFORMED AND THAT HE HOPES WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP HIM APPRISED OF SITUATION. HE NOTED THAT FROM LONDON HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH GREY ZULU AND THAT NECESSARY ORDERS HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN IN REGARD TO SAFE-GUARDING WELL-BEING OF HOSTAGES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS AFFECTED.

3. HOWEVER, HE ASKED THAT USG CHANNELS BE USED TO INFORM GOZ THAT HE HAS BEEN SO BRIEFED AND IS WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY LUSAKA SHOULD USE FOREGOING WITH GOZ. VANCE

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